

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 74-97 are currently active in this case. Claims 74, 77-78, 81, 88, and 93 have been amended and Claims 95-97 have been added by way of the present amendment. Each new and amended claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 74-94 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and Claims 81 and 94 were objected to for minor informalities.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the courtesy the courtesy of an interview granted by Examiner Sheng on July 19, 2006.

Applicants have amended the claims for clarity without narrowing their intended scope. Applicants respectfully submit that the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and informality issues presented in the outstanding Office Action are now moot.

Applicants respectfully submit new claims 95-98. Each new claim is dependent from Claim 74 which has already been identified as containing allowable subject matter. Support for new claims 95-98 is clearly shown in Applicants original figures, claims, and specification, for example page 8, line 26 - page 9, line 21, et al. Accordingly Applicants respectfully submit that new Claims 95-98 are also patentable.

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Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 350804.00400.

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